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Issue one

Jim Wierenga

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What is your name, major and hometown?

My name is Jim Wierenga. I am majoring in math education with plans on going to graduate school for a masters degree in educational administration. I live in Grandville, Michigan, a suburb of Grand Rapids in the southwestern part of the state.

How were you elected?

Every year, just before spring break, there is a general election for those students in running for President of the Taylor Student Organization and for those interested in serving as senators or court justices.

After ten days of publicity and campaigning by the candidates, the students vote on who they feel will serve them best.

What does your position entail?

As President of the Taylor Student Organization, I am the liason, or mediator, between the students and the faculty, administration, and trustees. This

involves representing the student body on any issue or decision that will affect us.

Much of the time commitment for this position is in fulfilling this function as student representative because it means lots and lots of meetings--University Cabinet meetings, student life committee meetings, trustees meetings, alumni council meetings, etc.

It's not as though I am on these committees to protect the student body from being unwillingly oppressed by our administration.

On the contrary, the administration wants the best for the students and is anxious to hear the students' voice on all matters. To be honest, I don't know of any other university--religious or secular, where students have as much say in what goes on.

The other aspect of my position is to serve as coordinator of the seven branches of the Taylor Student Organization.

How can students reach you?

If a student would like to reach me for any reason they can do so by calling the Office of Leadership

Development and Student Programs at ext. 5103. Just ask Beki Lee to set up an appointment time with me.

My regular office hours are 11-11:45 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10-11 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

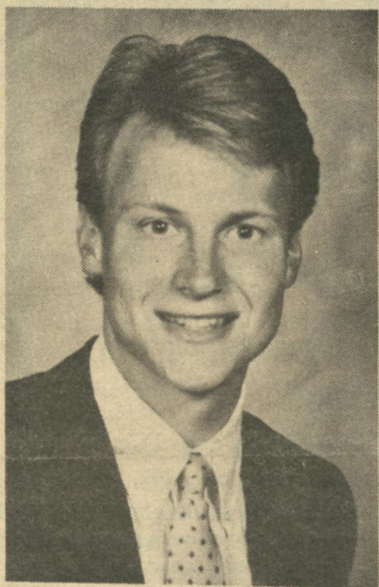
What can we look forward to this year?

The student body can expect another solid year of activities--concerts, movies, services, representation from Senate and Court, and much more. Our focus in a big way this year, however, is going to be implementing new ideas.

My only request is that the student body be supportive of our efforts and realize that some of the things we try may or may not fly. Some new ideas take time to perfect, and we need to learn from our mistakes, but we ask that a supportive atmosphere exist throughout.

Our focus will also be a national one. In addition to our National Student Leadership Conference, we will be printing a

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T.S.O president Wierenga

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Art/ Little Theatre building burns; future uncertain

By David Bachman

Taylor has yet to make a decision regarding the fate of the Art/Little Theatre Building that was heavily damaged in a fire on August 19.

The Art Department is currently using temporary facilities erected in the Ayres Building. The school hopes to use the East wing of the building for theater productions.

According to Dr. Yost, The Ayres Building would only be used one year. The Administration is considering several options for a permanent art and theater facilities. One option is a proposed performing arts complex that could be built onto the Hermanson music building.

The fire caused an estimated \$375,000 worth of damage. Costumes, playbills, lighting and sound equipment, and art supplies were damaged in the fire that has

been ruled an arson.

David Jackson, 27, of Upland has been charged and is awaiting a January 12 trial at the Grant County Jail. He is facing a class B felony arson charge that carries a standard prison sentence of 10 years.

Jackson is a 1984 graduate of Taylor University. He was employed as a security person at Taylor.

The fire was discovered shortly after 10 p.m. on August 19. Firefighters from Upland, Marion, Matthews and Hartford City took two hours to get the fire under control.

The Art/Little Theatre building was heavily damaged by fire once before in 1972. At that time the building housed the music department.



photo by Dale Sloat

Area firemen spent two hours bringing the fire in the Art/Little Theatre building under control



photo by David Bachman

President and Mrs. Kesler, Dr. and Mrs. Gerig and Dr. and Mrs. Daryl Yost at Gerig Residence Hall

Residence hall receives a new name

By David Bachman

Taylor University administrators announced in Wednesday's chapel service that they have named a residence hall in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Lester C. Gerig.

President Kesler said, "This is one of the biggest events of the

school year."

The former South Hall, built in 1971, has officially been named Gerig Residence Hall. The Gerigs were present for the chapel service, which was followed by a luncheon and an open house.

Gerig has been a member of the Taylor Board of Trustees since

1955 and served as chairman for seven years. The Gerigs have actively participated in campus activities, recruitment and gift-giving.

Gerig is President and Chairman of the Board of the Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne.

President on job and goals

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national newsletter for Christian colleges. As a student organization we need to also assist student governments of other Christian institutions so they can better serve their students.

It's a blessing to me to see how as we sought to reach out to other colleges and to be on the cutting edge of what is happening in student leadership that God has in turned blessed us tremendously as an organization

Do you have any closing statements?

Since arriving back on campus this year, I have talked to so many students who are excited to be here. I sense though that it's more

than just "warm fuzzies." It seems as though there is an expectancy that God is going to show Himself mighty this year in the lives of individuals and on this campus as a whole.

I say amen to the expectancy because this is also my prayer for us this year. I am certain that as we seek the Lord with our whole heart and hunger for more of Jesus, desiring the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives, that He will show Himself mighty at Taylor and we will see God's hand of blessing in all that we do. So let's commit this year to the Lord and look forward to a tremendous year in Christ.

Student leaders arrive early

by Michael Prell

Taylor University student leaders came to campus early this year, as in years past, to participate in the Fall Leadership Workshop.

Participants attended discussions, workshops, and organizational meetings pertaining to their positions. A ropes course was also included as a team building exercise, and all participants spent an evening of games and fellowship at Camp Windigo.

"The workshop acts as a shock absorber. It gives students time to renew friendships and organize their leadership role before classes start," said Randall Dodge, director of leadership development and student programs.

President Jay Kesler took time to address the student leaders at an

informal discussion session.

Kesler responded to questions and shared some of his thoughts on Taylor University. Kesler said that "what Taylor is is determined by a core of people who carry a larger vision, who give more than they take from the community." Kesler also talked on other topics ranging from possible new building projects on campus to the possibility of a Sunday night vespers, or "body life service," taking place on campus.

The workshop was attended by PA's, DC's, PROBE leaders, Career Planning Assistants, members of the Taylor Student Organization, members of Taylor World Outreach, and members of the campus media.

Renewal week starts Mon.

By Randy Southern

The Reverend William J. Hybels will be the featured speaker for the William Hill Conference On Spiritual Renewal this fall. The conference, popularly known as Spiritual Renewal Week, begins Monday.

Hybels will address the Taylor community on the topic, "You Matter to God."

Hybels is the Senior Pastor of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. That church has grown from 125 people in 1975 to over 8,000. He also is a co-founder of Sun City, a youth ministry in South Barrington.

He received his bachelor's degree in biblical studies from Trinity College in Deerfield, Illinois. He has authored three

books: *Caution: Christian Under Construction*, *Christians in the Marketplace*, and *Laws That Liberate*.

Hybels will speak during chapel at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will also speak at evening services Monday through Thursday at 8:15 p.m. All services will be held in the Rediger Chapel.

He will also be available for personal counseling and for small group meetings in residence halls. Scheduling should be done through the Student Ministries Office, ext. 5360.

Hybels is married and has two children.

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Features

Rick Florian T.U. grad with White Heart

By Marilyn Peterson

Taylor-grad Rick Florian has joined Nashville-based band "White Heart" as lead singer and will perform with them at Taylor's Rediger Auditorium a week from Saturday.

White Heart's Taylor appearance follows the recent release of the band's fourth album entitled "Don't Wait for the Movie". The album, released by Sparrow Records, marks Florian's recording debut as well as the first recorded appearance with White Heart for drummer Chris McHugh.

White Heart began five years ago as a project of Billy Smiley and Mark Gersmehl. Their first and self-titled album was nominated for a Grammy Award and a Dove Award. The next few years followed with several band-member changes and two more albums. The band continued to draw recognition as a major contemporary Christian group.

However, late 1985 and the early months of 1986 proved to be rough going for White Heart. Besides sudden personnel changes, the band left their former record label to sign with Sparrow Records.

The shattering news in late 1985 that their lead singer, Scott Douglas, had confessed to committing sexual crimes in his home neighborhood came as a complete surprise to the other men in the band.

"There are, quite frankly, some deep emotional scars. But we thank God because He heals and forgives all of us, and that His Spirit rekindles the fire of hope and courage," White Heart as a group explained in an open letter to Christian radio stations and bookstores.

It is thus no accident that one of the climatic moments on White Heart's "Don't Wait for the Movie" is a song untitled, "How Many Times?(Seventy Times Seven)." As individuals and as a band, the six musicians who comprise White Heart have better

learned the concept of forgiveness.

"We learned a good lesson from the reaction of people around us," explains guitarist Gordon Kennedy. "We underestimated the people. We thought that they would slam the door on us, but they've been overwhelmingly supportive."

"It has become a true fact and realization in our lives that even in the midst of problems, God can do anything, if we're willing to let Him work through us," Florian adds.

Their music has reflected their recent trauma as well. "Our music is going back to being more honest and open," says Smiley. "I think people are getting tired of the techno-stuff, so it's going back to being more of an honest, open track, where it's a lot of fun. I think a year or so ago, music was done from a studio standpoint, and then artists would do it on the road, and it wouldn't come over the same way. I think we're getting our music to sound right in concert and on the album."

"The songs on this album," Smiley continues, "deal more than ever with the 'stuff' of real life."

White Heart are: Billy Smiley- vocals, keyboards, guitar; Mark Gersmehl- vocals, keyboards; Gordon Kennedy- guitar; Gary Lunn-bass; Chris McHugh-drums; and Rick Florian-lead vocals.

Auditions

Auditions for the Neil Simon comedy, *The Good Doctor* will be Monday and Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Call backs will be on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Sign-up sheet, scripts and audition information are available at the Comm. Arts department Box office.



White Heart to open fall '86 concert season at Taylor

The popular Christian band White Heart with Taylor Alumnus, Rick Florian (foreground), will perform Sat. Sept. 20 in the Rediger Auditorium. The event is sponsored by S.A.C.

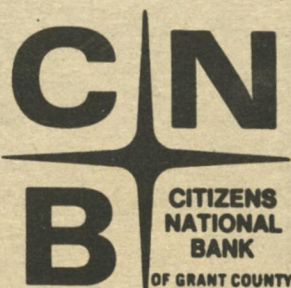
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Sports

Outlook good for football

by Michael Prell

The Taylor University Football Trojans will take to the field this year with a winning record under their belt. Last year's 5-4 season was the first winning season since 1977, and head coach Jim Law is optimistic about this year.

The key to this year's team will be maturity, says Law. The 16 returning starters will be split evenly between offense and defense, and the team will have a total of 33 lettermen and a nucleus of 13 seniors returning. For the first time in years most of the players on the field will be juniors and seniors.

The entire offensive line will be returning with the exception of First Team All-American Wade Russell, who will still share his

experience as a part-time offensive line coach. Honorable Mention All-American Steve Wild will augment the offense as a wide receiver, while also serving as a team captain.

Defensively, the team will be led by All-District 21 defensive end Jimmie Hill and defensive back Matt Clouser. Additional leadership will be provided by senior outside linebacker Jack Houck, also a team captain.

This year's season will also be a challenge to last year's success as Taylor faces six new teams during its 10 game schedule.

The Taylor Trojans will begin the 1986 season tomorrow facing Earlham College. The game will be played home in Jim Wheeler Stadium at 1:30 p.m.

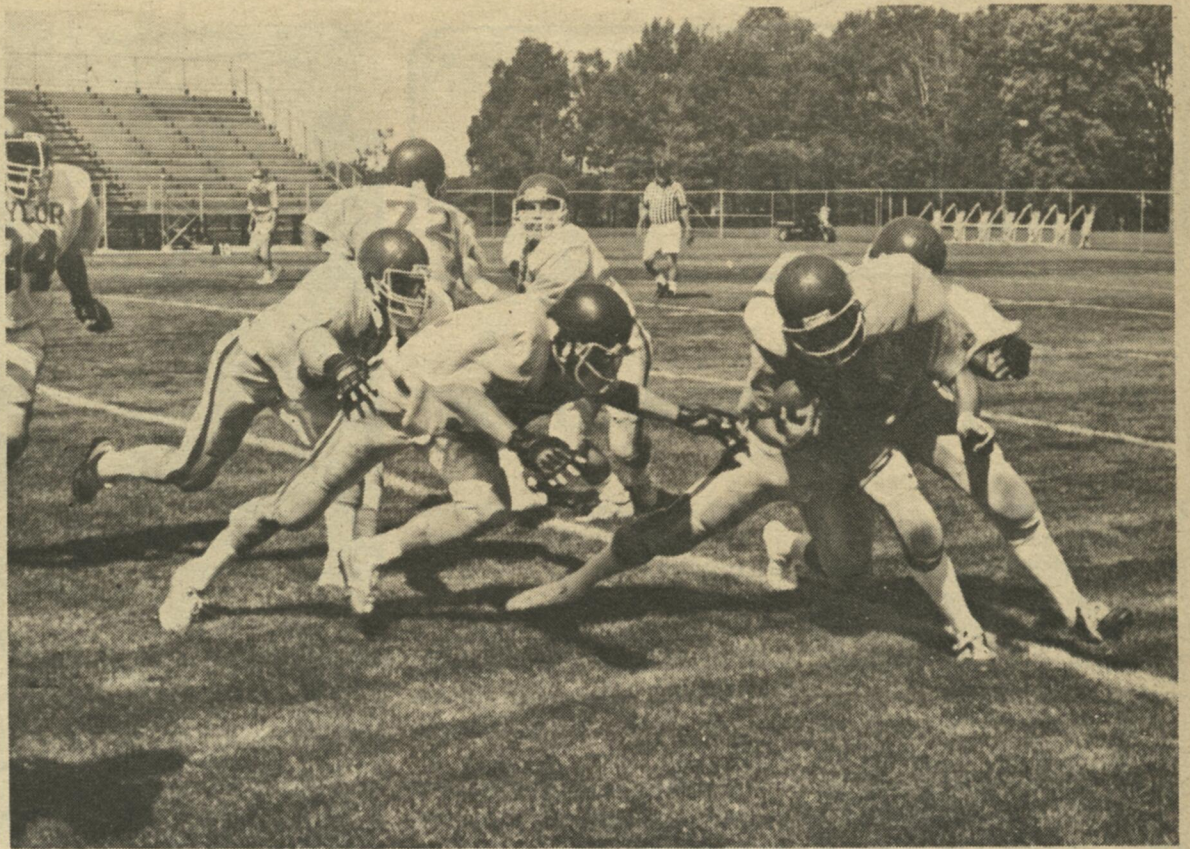


Photo by Michael Prell

The Trojan football team prepares for the season opener during last Saturday's scrimmage

Cross-country teams take second place

Taylor University's men's cross country team opened their season Wednesday at the Butler Invitational. Taylor finished second in the seven team meet with Pete Bowman leading the way for the Trojans.

Bowman placed first overall in the meet, with Ball State transfer

Bob Braggs placed fifth; Brian Shepherd, ninth; Jeff Petersen, 12th; Trent Mays, 18th; John Ely, 19th; and freshman Kevin Roth, 20th.

This was the fourth year for the team to attend the Butler Invitational, and they were disappointed that they did not

perform better. Quinn White said, "We were just flat today. We had no spunk."

The team is hoping to finish in the top 10 at the NAIA nationals this November.

The women's cross country team also placed second at the Butler Invitational.

Women win tennis opener

The Taylor University women's tennis team won its opening match Tuesday by defeating Goshen College here.

The final score was Taylor 6, Goshen 3.

Taylor's Holly Seaman defeated Ingrid Hess 2-6, 6-0, 6-2; Kim Munro defeated Kim Leuz 6-4, 6-1; and Naomi Humphrey defeated Jill Wyfe 6-3, 6-1 in singles

action.

In doubles action, Taylor's Karen Helm and Sharon Erny defeated Goshen's Hess and Fisher 6-3, 6-4; Sheila Harris and Holly Seaman defeated Conrad and Leuz 6-2, 6-0; and Beth Pringle and Kim Munro defeated Wyfe and Hochstetler 6-4, 6-3.

The team hosts Butler University this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

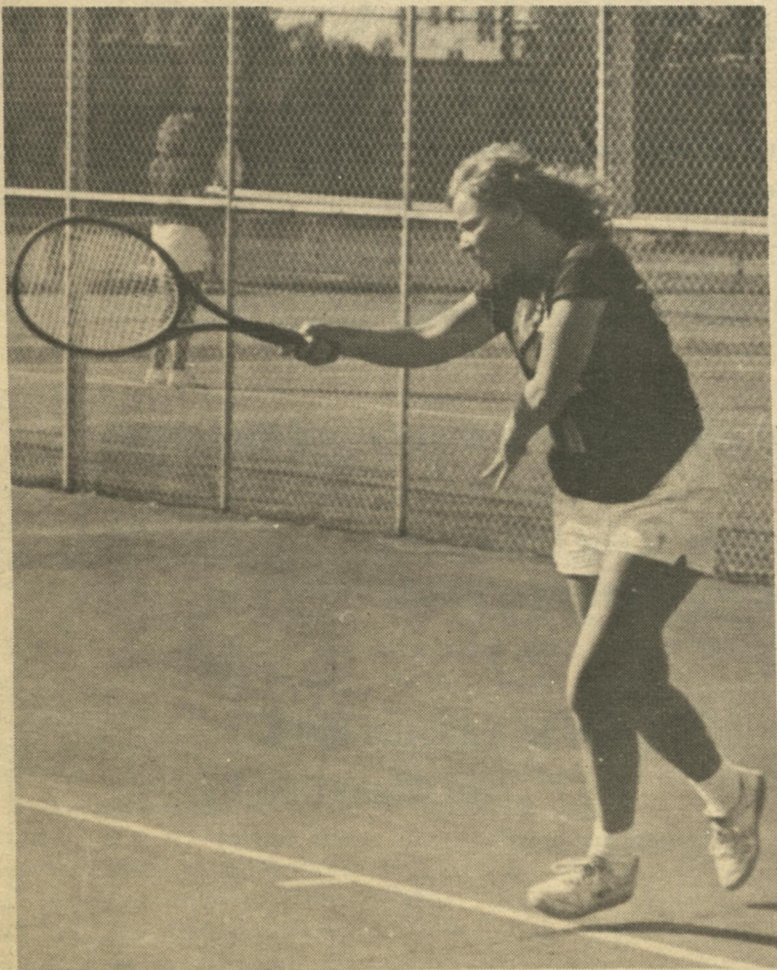


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Karen Helm of the Taylor women's tennis team

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